

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO KERALA BY COCONUT TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of assistance provided by the Coconut Technology Mission to Kerala and other States to achieve better production, productivity and eradicate coconut diseases like Root (wilt), Eriophid Mite attack during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide Rs.1000/- per coconut tree which are cut and removed due to disease and also for the cost of replantation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The assistance provided by Technology Mission on Coconut in the last three years is given below:

(Assistance in Lakh Rupees)
State Period
2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 Total

Kerala	398.779	330.971	316.170	1045.920
Karnataka	293.043	34.671	32.689	360.403
Tamil Nadu	19.500	17.492	30.732	67.724
Andhra Pradesh	-	160.000	320.000	480.000
Orissa	9.570	3.912	56.437	69.919
Maharashtra	-	-	23.047	23.047
West Bengal	-	-	5.556	5.556
Total	720.892	547.046	784.631	2052.569

An amount of Rs.14 crores is earmarked under the scheme Technology Mission on Coconut during the year 2006-07. Since the scheme is implemented based on the severity of the disease in the affected States, separate target for each State has not been fixed.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. The Board is providing financial assistance @ Rs.250/- per palm for cutting and removal of root wilt disease advanced palms under the component 'Management of disease affected gardens' of the Integrated Farming in coconut holding for productivity improvement. An amount of Rs.125.00 lakhs is earmarked for the removal of 50,000 diseased palms during the year 2006-07.